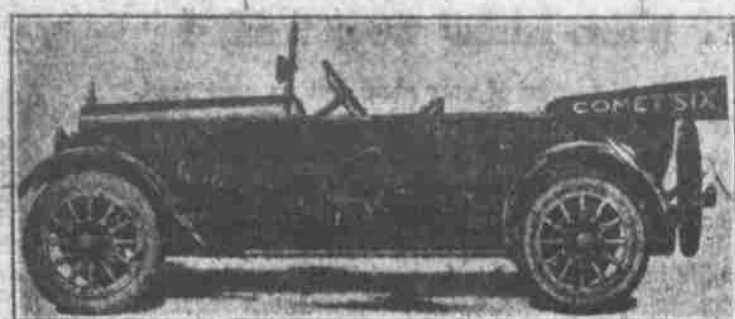


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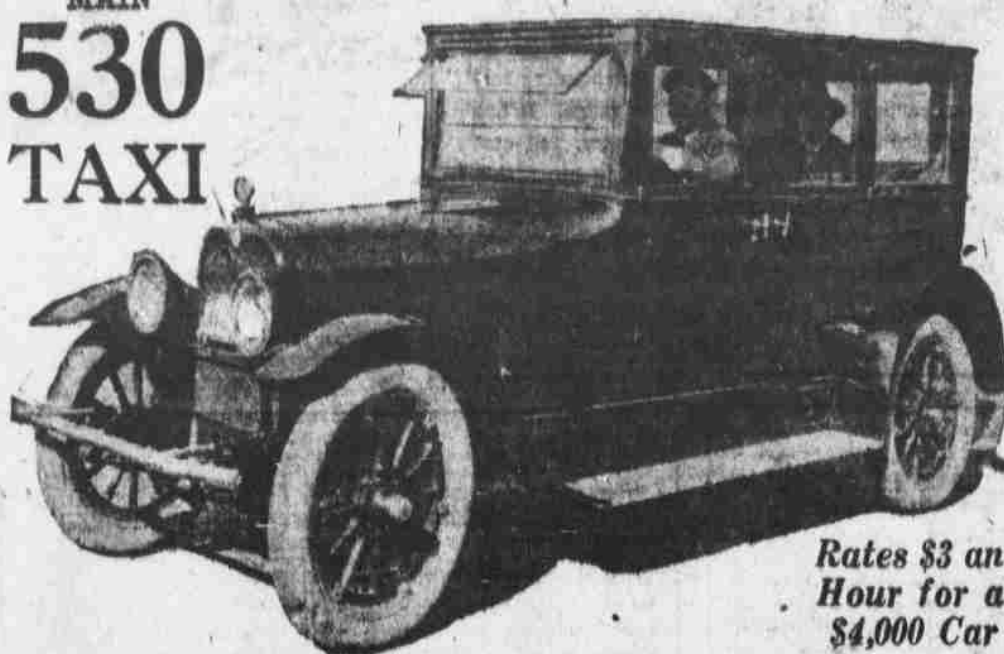
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**TROTZY HINTS AT WAR  
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STOCKHOLM, Sept. 24.—Leon Trotzy, Bolshevik minister of war and marine, speaking at Petrograd recently gave a detailed program of Bolshevik military operations, saying among other things:  
"It is not in Finland or Rumania that the immense world combat against capitalism can be fought, but in America and England, and above all in the far east."

## VOIRPPEZ STAGE OF GERMAN DEFEAT

(Continued From Previous Issue.)

I have said already that the results of the battle of Jutland, rather than clear than ever that we should have risked a critical engagement and ordered our main battle fleet forward in the earlier fight at Heligoland, no matter what British forces were reported or supposed to be behind the land screen which they had thrown forward. Our losses would have been heavy. Those who urged this upon the Kaiser were far from so far as they went, but they lost sight of the fact that battles cannot be fought on land. And even if we were to win, our losses at Verdun? There was sacrificed ten of thousands because victory at Jutland would have meant victory complete—or so the German headquarters believed.

What was the result of all the great land offensives? Did we ever hesitate to launch a costly offensive on land? Believe me, we would contribute to our final victory.

The timid policy which had the Navy in such a decisive position would have meant the loss of some of our splendid ships and thousands of our seamen and a display of weakness that inevitably lowered our prestige in the eyes of the world—that did even more, deprived us of the opportunity to wrench from our enemies the full attainment of our aims which we could not accomplish by the mere landward victories of our land forces alone.

Those men who persuaded him to allow our splendid ships to lie idle in their harbors and the whole structure of our navy to rust and become fertile for the seeds of sedition and revolution sowed by the discontented masses, were indeed the evil geni of the empire.

One is appalled at the conception of what might have been done at Heligoland to change the history of the world had we grasped our opportunity, when one thinks that in the unequal fight off Jutland where we were numerically inferior, our losses were only one third that of the British. Who might have happened to our light darkness stopped up, none can tell.

(British official reports claim that throughout the greater part of the Jutland fight the German forces were numerically superior. As to losses on both sides, Von Tirpitz has more to say later.—Editor's Note.)

**Cruiser Squadrons Clash.**  
In pursuance of our originally planned policy, on one of our long sweeps in the direction of England, our cruiser forces which stood at considerable distance from our main body, encountered numerically superior British cruiser forces off Shagreen. Notwithstanding we were greatly outnumbered, the German commander, while informing the main body of his location, and the known forces appeared to him, closed at once with the enemy.

Results quickly showed that he was justified. Our ships were outnumbered but individually they were superior. Our marksmanship was better and our tactical methods were of a higher order. The long years of thorough, methodical training of our navy under rigorous conditions, and under the best of activity, began to tell against the comparatively ill-trained methods of the British.

In the beginning our British battle cruisers were opposed to our five.

(This is what Von Tirpitz calls heavy cruisers.—Editor's Note.)

When the first shot was fired the air was as clear as crystal and the light opened a range of 15,000 meters (about 16,400 yards). Exactly 15 minutes after opening fire the British battle cruiser Indiana was blown up.

The explosion seemed to rock the ocean and the loss of life must have been great. As the British cruiser was blown up, the damage done to the German vessels was inconsequential. It seemed almost too good to be true to the German commanders observing the battle.

Meanwhile we knew that our main force was standing under pressure to reach us in time to complete the work which fortune had thrown in our way to strike and to reach our squadron before the British reinforcements arrived.

Just what these reinforcements would be in strength we did not know, but we knew we were to be met by a force which arrived would mean so much greater margin of safety for us when they entered the fight.

**The Queen Mary Destroyed.**  
Twenty minutes after the destruction of the indefatigable, the Queen Mary went down in flames to the accompaniment of muffled explosions.

Now the British reinforcements were beginning to arrive. One after another there came into firing range five battle-ships of the Queen Elizabeth type, the latest, most up-to-date British construction.

Against these overwhelming odds our ships continued to battle manfully. Our battle fleet was climbing up over the horizon. Upon seeing our main force approaching, Admiral Beatty, in command of the British forces, turned about and steamed north, and with reason that it was Admiral Beatty's logical course to steer north in an attempt to lure the stronger German fleet to pursue him to their destruction. If the British high seas fleet could be thus encountered.—Editor's Note.)

A wireless message from Admiral Beatty to the chief of staff showed that the German commander, Von Tirpitz, had encountered the entire British battle fleet. Nevertheless, with the full consent of the chief of staff, he hastened to engage the enemy with the utmost speed.

During the early stages of the battle the German fleet got into a disadvantageous position which allowed our ships to attack them while the British vessels were shrouded in smoke and haze.

The British official reports of the battle contradict this statement. They declare that throughout the German forces had the advantage of low visibility.—Editor's Note.)

Admiral Scherer escaped from this dangerous disadvantageous position by a maneuver which would have been entirely impossible to almost any fleet in the world, certainly to one less thoroughly trained than the German. Under heavy fire he executed a complete turn about the entire fleet simultaneously and retreated temporarily.

As soon as he had arranged anew his fighting formation, he again executed a complete turnabout, simultaneously with all his ships, and renewed his attack upon the enemy.

**Darkness Stops Battle.**  
Shortly after this nightfall rendered any carefully considered fighting impossible. It was at this point that the British fleet demonstrated that their superiority. Had they not they would have been sent to the bottom of the sea at sword's point, fighting desperately not to be captured, but to be sent to the bottom of the sea.

At length, were sent up from our larger vessels and during the morning one of the air scouts reported a new German fleet, the German fleet, in the west. This proved to be the main body of the British fleet but it soon turned and steamed northward.

(It is very probable that, as the British state, their fleet was searching for the German vessels. Why they did not encounter one another is a matter for controversy. Von Tirpitz of course protests the German view.—Editor's Note.)

Thus we are prevented from stealing the law which might have been deduced from a study of the battle to come to a decision with the British on the sea. Had nightfall not interrupted the battle the result might have been the world's history.

**Boasts of Enemies' Losses.**  
Ours was the victory, to be sure, but how hollow a victory when its fruits are denied to us. We must be content with the thought that the destruction which we wrought upon the enemy

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was three times the loss he inflicted upon us.

(The British reports of the battle of Jutland admit the loss of the ships named by Von Tirpitz. They, however, pretend that the German losses were far greater than those detailed in the German official reports. The figures given out by Germany are as follows: British losses—One dreadnought, three battle cruisers, four armored cruisers, three small cruisers and 13 destroyers. German losses—One battle cruiser, one battleship, three small cruisers and five destroyers. The British claim many more German vessels sunk or disabled, but detailed reports are not available.—Editor's Note.)

Through the year 1914 Admiral Scherer tried repeatedly to engage the British fleet but always without success. His evasion of the sea law of our enemies to meet us in open battle should have been sufficient indication to those in supreme authority that our naval forces were more than repaid by them.

Probably had we been willing to risk an engagement off Cape Flow or near Dover, they would have given battle. But this was too disadvantageous to us considering the known numerical superiority of the British. We could not be expected to seek them out in their own waters and fight them almost under the guns of their land fortifications.

They were the stronger in numbers, almost overwhelmingly so, and they should have fought us out.

(Authoritative British reports state repeatedly that the British navy continually sought battle with the German fleet. Von Tirpitz's own statement that his ships were lying at their anchor in harbors while Germany was fighting for her existence would seem to indicate that they were not seeking the British fleet on the high seas.—Editor's Note.)

In 1914 the emperor was about to remove the restrictions and allow the navy to strike a blow for Germany. Admiral Scherer had completed plans for the greatest sea battle of the world's history which probably would have involved the American fleet as well as the British. Our high seas fleet was to attack in conjunction with the total force of our submarines.

When plans for this great offensive of the sea were matured, the navy was to be expanded by revolution and mutiny. Reports from neutral countries in 1914 repeatedly stated that German sailors were revolting and that in submarines. Officers and men of American and British destroyers which captured German submarines have told many stories, which can scarcely be doubted, of the German crews overpowering their officers and surrendering their craft. In light of these reports it is possible that the prospective offensive of the sea was abandoned.

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Synopsis of Next Installment—Von Tirpitz points out with regret that had peace been preserved with England relations between the United States and Germany would have continued to grow closer, inferring that the two nations would have held the balance of power in the world. His conversation with Roosevelt. The Venezuelan incident.

(To Be Continued.)

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